



Mid Sussex Partnership Board meeting, 12th January 2023

Key Decisions

It was agreed that:

A Key Decision to fund £3,500 for DISC to help businesses tackle crime was made at this meeting.

1. Welcome and introductions

Attendees:

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| Cllr Norman Webster | Cabinet Member for Community at MSDC - Chair |
| Rebecca Hair | Commissioning and Partnerships Advisor, MSDC – Minute Taker |
| Cllr Jackie Russell | Cabinet Member for Children and Families, WSCC |
| Darren Taylor | Inspector, Sussex Police |
| Lauren Lloyd | Acting CEO, Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (MSVA) |
| Matt Roberts | Community Transport Sussex (CTS) |
| Daniel MacIntyre | WS Public Health |
| Lucy Corrie | Assistant Director for Communities, MSDC |
| Paul Turner | Community Services Manager, MSDC |
| Mandy Cunningham | Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager, MSDC |
| Dawn Rennie | Clarion |
| Amy Loaring | Sussex PCC |
| Rebecca Bowen | Runway Training |
| Lauren Harris | Runway Training |
| Magdalena Steel | Partnerships Analyst, WSCC |

Apologies:

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| Cllr Jonathan Ash-Edwards | Leader of MSDC |
| Emily King | WSCC |
| Neil Fairhall | Fire and Rescue Service, WSCC |
| Nick Dias | Chief Inspector, Sussex Police |
| Nicky Dodds | Clarion HG |
| Paul Riley | Haywards Heath College |
| Ben Friar | Haywards Heath College |

2. Minutes of the MSP Board Meeting 20th October 2022

The minutes were deemed a true and accurate record of the meeting and were agreed.

3. Round table introductions and hot topics

The main hot topics from members are outlined below.

DM mentioned that WS is seeing high rates of Covid and 'flu currently. 'Return to school' figures are due to be released today. 29 care homes in WSCC currently have a Covid outbreak. There are also higher rates of Strep A than expected but lower than December 2022.

Cllr JR – WSCC Children and Young People are waiting for Ofsted inspection following inadequate outcome in 2019. They are currently importing 35 South Africa social workers.

LL – cost-of-living is affecting charities in terms of increased demand. Retention of and recruiting staff remains difficult. The higher energy costs are affecting village halls. The CTC, BH is a warm hub on Thursdays from 10am-2pm and Ukraine refugees are given advice.

LC – Is the new Assistant Director for Communities at MSDC. Her background is from ESCC.

DT – There is currently an increase in shop lifting. There are plans to have better presence from EG police station. Operation unify is still in place. This is where all front-line officers are on response, however the effect is that the police are understaffed in community response.

4. Mid Sussex NEETs Engagement and Prevention Programme

Lauren Harris (LH), Head of Apprenticeships and Runway Futures and Rebecca Bowen (RB), Runway Futures Delivery Manager, Runway Training gave a presentation. The presentation is Appendix One to these Minutes. Runway Training were successful in securing the contract for the MS NEETs Engagement and Prevention Programme and the contract started on the 3rd of January 2023. Runway Training was established in 2008, and the skills providers are based in Tonbridge. The presentation detailed how they intend to deliver the contract. They also have a bus that will be visiting HH in February.

MC asked them to confirm the age range and referral options. RB and LH confirmed the age range they are working with is 16–24-year-olds, and anyone can make a referral.

MR and DR both have apprenticeship teams to link in with and will share contact details.

5. Mid Sussex Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) 2022

Magdalena Steel, Partnership Analyst, Community Safety and Wellbeing, WSCC gave a presentation on the latest SIA data from WSCC, which covers the calendar year 2021. The presentation is Appendix Two to these Minutes.

MC mentioned that all D&B fund the WSCC Partnership Analyst role through the PCC and a proportion goes to Magdalena's post. Initial funding finishes in September 2023. All D&B have recently agreed to continue for a further three years, to Sept 2026.

Action: MS to be invited to the July MSP Board meeting to present the 2022 overview.

NW asked if the same style of reporting is being used across the county and MS confirmed it is.

DM would like to talk about combating drugs as there are high rates of cuckooing in HH.

Action: DM to be invited to the July MSP Board meeting to discuss combatting drugs.

6. DISC system to help combat business crime. Funding request of £3,500 requiring Board decision.

Mandy Cunningham (MC) discussed the DISC system. There have been 363 shoplifting incidences reported across the district in 2022, which is a 100% increase in shoplifting incidences in the district. DISC is a secure information sharing platform that help to tackle business crime. The scheme is being led by Sussex Police who are keen to deploy this across Sussex. Partners have received a presentation and there is support from the Town Councils, MSDC Town Centre Managers, local shop watch and pubwatch schemes and EGBA to have the platform in Mid Sussex. The CSS have agreed to use their remaining unallocated funding towards year one for DISC and the PCC have been approached about funding for years two and three.

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7. UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Project update

Rebecca Hair (RH) updated. MSDC have been notified by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities that the Investment Plan that was submitted to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund has been successful. The SPF is a three-year investment plan, and several projects were included in the Investment Plan including the delivery of a new multi-use games area and improved skatepark facilities at St John's Park in BH, upgraded play facilities and footpaths at Mount Noddy in East Grinstead and sports pitch improvements and a new community hub at Victoria Park in Haywards Heath.

The Investment Plan sets money aside to help SCYP move the support services provided by the Bentswood Community Hub, including the community food bank and activities for young people, from 34 America Lane in Haywards Heath to a refurbished and expanded sports pavilion at Barn Cottage Green. MSVA will receive funding for the community support they provide from The CTC in BH, which includes drop-in support for Ukrainian refugee families and their hosts and digital assistance for people to help them access anything online they might need. Quarry Café and Community Fridge in EG will also benefit, with funding helping them to relocate to new premises and expand their range of community services. The group helps residents in EG by providing a low-cost community café where people can access support services, as well as a community fridge that turns surplus food into ready meals for local people in need of a helping hand.

RH suggested that Elaine Clark, Community Facilities Project Officer, attend the April MSP to present progress on these projects.

8. Question time in respect of the Health Subgroup Quarter 3 Report

Paul Turner (PT) updated. A Health Subgroup Q3 Report highlighting the work of this subgroup was previously circulated to members of the MSP Board. The Health Subgroup is also the Local Community Network (LCN). The Wellbeing team have updated the Community Connections directory that is services for older people in the district and is very popular with health professionals. They have also created a Winter Support Guide and have over 1,500 requests for this publication. The LCN have agreed to fund additional cardiac rehab courses and the issue of maintaining exercise once any programme is finished was raised. However, they have discovered individuals in their groups make direct contact with each other and continue exercise once the arranged course is complete. Long term follow-up of clients remains very important.

9. Question time in respect of the Community Safety Subgroup Quarter 3 Report

Mandy Cunningham (MC) updated. A Community Safety Subgroup Q3 Report highlighting the work of this subgroup was previously circulated to members of the MSP Board. It is confirmed that the Mid Sussex Community Safety Partnership will be receiving £10,000 from the Safer Streets Fund. Funding was requested earlier in the year to purchase two re-deployable CCTV cameras to be used in ASB hotspots. The location of the cameras will be determined and agreed by the Community Safety Subgroup and reviewed quarterly. SB from MSVA has led on the Purple Bus project in EG which by all accounts is very successful. The public consultation that took place in Q3 for the

extension of the car cruising PSPO has received overwhelming support. The new PSPO will be going to scrutiny in February. There were no community triggers in Q3.

10. Question time in respect of the Community Resilience Subgroup Quarter 3 Report

Lauren Lloyd (LL) updated. A Community Resilience Subgroup Q3 Report highlighting the work of this subgroup was previously circulated to members of the MSP Board. The CRS have established a Winter Warmth grant programme which is for warm hubs that are providing new activities or additional hours and show clearly that they are targeting vulnerable groups. The remaining budget was allocated for immediate groups running warm hubs and offering each group £500 in funding, which would fund up to seventeen hubs. MSVA are trying to join up food banks provisions. There is a need to focus on community transport, as if people can't get to events, then there is little point in hosting them. There is digital exclusion training and provision is being offered by WSCC library service.

MSVA is holding a Volunteers Fair 10-12pm on Friday 20th January at Francisco Lounge, South Road, Haywards Heath. The aim is to recruit more volunteers to support charities to address complex capacity issues being currently experienced. They will also be holding one on Saturday 4th February 10-12pm at The Crown Public House in EG and another later in BH.

11. MSP Projects and Budget for 2022-23

Rebecca Hair (RH) updated. Spend that has taken place in Q3 includes a proportional amount of that which is received from Sussex PCC that is allocated to our Community Project Officer (Young People) post. Grants to Mid Sussex Older Peoples Council for £1,700 for MiDAS minibus driver training and DBS for ten volunteers was awarded via the CRS; £432 for room hire for the Mentivity project was spent via the CSS; and £4,992 was awarded via the LCN to Places Leisure to deliver two additional cardiac rehab courses.

£17,000 has been spent via the CSS for the purchase of two re-deployable CCTV cameras. The Mid Sussex Community Safety Partnership will be receiving £10,000 from the Safer Streets Fund. This was requested earlier in the year to purchase the re-deployable CCTV cameras.

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12. Emerging issues and future topics for Board and dates for future meetings:

It was proposed that at the April MSP Board meeting, members should review the past winter and the use of warm hubs and food banks. Learning from this review should then be used to plan for next winter.

Elaine Clark, Community Facilities Project Officer, to be invited to the April MSP to present progress on projects funded by the UKSPF Investment Plan.

MS to be invited to the July MSP Board meeting to present the 2022 overview.
DM to be invited to the July MSP Board meeting to discuss combatting drugs.

The next MSPB meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday 12th January 2023.
- Thursday 27th April 2023.
- Thursday 13th July 2023.
- Thursday 19th October 2023
- Thursday 18th January 2024.

These are all currently scheduled to be online meetings.

RH has already sent Outlook Calendar invitations to all these meetings.